

tee upon apportionment, as contemplated by the adoption of the resolution of Mr. Erath, to apportion the State for representation in the Congress of the Confederate States.

A bill in relation to the School Fund derivable from taxation under the provisions of the second section of the tenth article of constitution of the State. Read second time.

The question being on its engrossment.

On motion the Senate adjourned, until 10 o'clock, A. M., tomorrow.

THURSDAY, March 28th, 1861.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Guinn in the chair. Prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Duggan, chairman of committee on County and County Boundaries, to whom was referred the petition of sundry citizens of the county of Edwards, reported the accompanying bill and recommended its passage.

A bill to attach the county of Edwards to the county of Uvalde, for Judicial and other purposes, until organized. Read first time.

Mr. Potter, chairman of the committee on the Judiciary made the following reports :

The Judiciary committee, have considered a bill to authorize and require all forced sales of real estate and negroes, and sales of real estate, or negroes, made by executors and administrators in the county of Nueces, to be made at the front door of the La Retama House in the city of Corpus Christi, and direct me to return the same to the Senate, with a substitute therefor, and recommend the adoption of the substitute, and the passage of the bill.

The Judiciary committee have considered a bill to amend an act authorizing and requiring the county courts to regulate roads, &c., a majority of the committee being of the opinion that the proposed legislation is unnecessary, direct me to return the bill to the Senate and recommend that it do not pass.

The Judiciary committee, direct me to return to the Senate, the memorial of Geo. W. Glascock, in relation to a claim on his part, against the State, connected with his contract for the construction of the Lunatic Asylum. The memorial relates strictly to private business, and under the rule of the Senate, is not entitled to be considered at this time.

The committee therefore, ask to be discharged from the consideration of the memorial and recommend that it be laid on the table.

The Judiciary committee have considered a bill to define the homestead, not in a town or city.

The 22nd section of the seventh article of the constitution of the State, defines what shall constitute a homestead, not in a town or city, and the committee can not see any good object to be attained at this time by legislation on the subject. I am therefore, directed to return the bill to the Senate, and recommend that it do not pass.

The Judiciary committee have considered a House bill, prescribing police regulations in respect to slaves, and a majority of the committee being of the opinion, that the present law on the subject is sufficient and probably more efficient than that proposed by the bill, I am directed to return the bill to the Senate and recommend that it do not pass.

The Judiciary committee have considered the petition of John R. Hamilton and wife, and direct me to report, that since the action of the Convention of the people, in providing by organic act, that the words, "United States," or "United States of America," shall be considered as stricken out whenever they occur in the statutes of the State, and the words: "Confederate States of America," inserted in the place thereof. Such legislation as is prayed for in the petition, is unnecessary. I am therefore directed to return the petition to the Senate, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration, and that the same be laid upon the table.

Mr. Erath, from the committee on Land Office, made the following report:

The committee on Land Office, have considered a bill providing that no patent for land shall issue, until the dues and patent fees shall be paid, and have instructed me to report a substitute and recommend its passage.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The report of the committee on Land Office, on a bill to attach the unorganized counties of Wichita, Wilbarger, Hardeman and Greer, to the county of Clay, so as to form one Land District, recommending amendments, was adopted, and bill passed to a third reading.

Mr. Walker offered the following resolution:

Resolved, by the Senate, the House concurring, that a joint committee of three on the part of Senate, and five on the part of the House, be appointed to enquire into the manner of con-

ducting the affairs and the expenditures of the following officers and institutions connected with the State government: The Land Office, Comptroller's, Treasurer's and office of the Court of Claims. The Deaf and Dumb, Blind, and Lunatic Asylums.

Resolved, That said committee have power and authority, to send for persons and papers, and to do any other necessary thing to aid them in a full investigation, and that they report by bill or otherwise. Read, and referred to the committee raised to enquire into the expediency of reducing expenditures of the State government.

A bill to be entitled an act making an appropriation to pay John Marshall for certain services. Read and passed to a third reading.

Rule suspended, read third time and passed.

Mr. Quinan introduced a bill for the relief of Messrs Sampson & Hendricks, assignees of W. R. S. Roudreau. Read first and second times and referred to the committee on Claims and Accounts.

A bill in relation to the School Fund, derivable from taxation under the provisions of the second section of the tenth article of the constitution of the State. Read and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Walker introduced a bill granting pre-emption privileges on the reservation lands belonging to the State of Texas, to certain persons therein named. Read first and second times and referred to the committee on Public Lands.

The Chair announced a communication from the Secretary of the late Convention, which was read and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

A message was received from the House, announcing the passage of the following bills, which were severally taken up and acted upon by the Senate, as follows:

Senate bill, supplemental to an act making an appropriation to defray the expenses of the Convention, passed 23rd March, 1861, with an amendment, in which the Senate refused to concur.

Senate bill to amend the first section of an act to amend the fourth section of the act of May 12, 1846, regulating the licence and practice of attorneys, &c

Senate bill further regulating proceedings in the District Court.

House bill granting a pension to Cynthia Ann Parker. Read first and second times and referred to committee on Finance.

House bill donating land to Cynthia Ann Parker, and to her

daughter 'To-Kusan Parker. Read first and second times and referred to committee on Finance.

House bill to fix the time of holding the District Court in the seventh Judicial District. Read first and second times and referred to committee on the Judiciary.

House bill to amend the second section of an act to reorganize the 15th Judicial District, and regulate the time of holding courts therein. Read first and second times and referred to committee on Judiciary.

House bill to authorize the County Court of Anderson county to levy and collect a special tax for county purposes. Read first and second times and referred to the committee on the Militia.

Mr. Erath introduced the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with the deepest regret of the recent death of Capt. Thomas Plaster, late door-keeper of the House, one of the soldiers of San Jacinto, an honest man and a true patriot. This body tenders to his bereaved family, its sincere sympathy for their loss.

In token of respect the Senate will now adjourn until to-morrow morning half-past 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, March 29th, 1861.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment—Mr. Guinn in the Chair—prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

Mr. Walker, chairman of the committee on Public Lands, made the following reports :

The Public Land committee have considered the resolution requesting them to take into consideration the propriety of placing in market the alternate sections of land reserved by the State, out of the lands surveyed by the different railroad companies chartered by the State, and to report by bill or otherwise.

The committee have instructed me to report that said lands already being in market by virtue of an act of the Legislature, approved February 1st 1860, any further legislation on the point, and for that purpose is wholly unnecessary.

The Public Land committee have considered the memorial of Allen Engubart and Albert Johnson, praying the passage of a special law allowing them the exclusive privilege for a period of time, in which to purchase certain alternate sections of land,